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SUBJECT: SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM RECALLED

1. GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR, REPORTEDLY IN PROTEST OVER FAILURE OF GOB TO MAKE PROGRESS IN INVESTIGATION OF SERIES OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING SYRIAN EMBASSY, ESPECIALLY RECENT BUGGING ATTEMPT AT CHANCERY (SE BRUSSELS 84). BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DECLINED TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON PRESS REPORTS OF RECALL. MIDEAST DIRECTOR DEPASSE, HOWEVER, HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT AMBASSADOR DAOUDY WILL RETURN TO DAMASCUS FEB. 16. DAOUDY WAS ORDERED TO RETURN IN PHONE CALL FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, WITH GOB HANDLING OF INCIDENTS GIVEN AS REASON, REPORT LEAKED TO PRESS VIA ARAB LEAGUE COLLEAGUES BEFORE DAOUDY COULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. DEPASSE TOLD EMBOFF FEB. 14 THAT DAOUDY HOPES TO RETURN TO BRUSSELS IN FEW WEEKS. DAOUDY, IN FACT, IS LEAVING WIFE AND CHILDREN IN BRUSSELS UNTIL SITUATION IS CLARIFIED. DEPASSE SAID IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER GOS WAS REALLY MOTIVATED BY
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ANTI-SYRIAN INCIDENTS OR WHETHER SOMEONE IN SYRIAN HIERARCHY USING INCIDENTS AS EXCUSE FOR RECALLING DAOUDY

FOR OTHER REASONS.

3. DEPASSE SAID HE THOUGHT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT
OF SYRIAN EMBASSY FEBRUARY 13 BY PRO-ISRAELI BELGIAN ORGANIZATIONS
PROTESTING GOS POSITION ON ISRAELI PRISONERS, AND
PRO-ISRAELI CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT HILTON HOTEL HERE FEBRUARY
18, ON SAME SUBJECT, WILL NOT SERVE TO IMPROVE SYRIAN ATTITUDE.
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